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WESTLANDS' FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

THE WEEKLY REPORT ON CALIFORNIA'S BROKEN WATER SYSTEM

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This is getting old, but still unbelievable.

In a recent [Los Angeles Times opinion editorial](#), two UC Irvine professors made several sensational statements such as "food production requires unfathomable volumes of water" to arrive at their conclusion that California needs less agriculture. But what is really "unfathomable" is that since October, more than 25 million acre-feet of water, which equates to over 8 trillion gallons, has been sent to the ocean, while a mere 2.5 million acre-feet has been pumped for use by agriculture and communities south of the Delta. The professors also neglected to mention that California's agriculture industry developed and now utilizes the most advanced and sophisticated water conservation measures in the world.

The authors casually called for major changes in the small allocation of the water that is delivered to California communities, never acknowledging the existence of the people whose jobs and businesses rely on agriculture or discussing the ramifications of their high-handed proposal on these agricultural economies. Do your homework next time, professors.

It's time for honesty in the very worthwhile debate about how YOUR water is being prioritized.